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It now appears quite definite that we will not be given access to either the control station site or for the outstation C. This restriction will prevent us from fulfilling our contract. Your attention is directed particularly to paragraph 2 and paragraph 4 of Phase 2 of the project as authorized by the contract:

"Phase 2

2. [ ] will assume responsibility for installing the equipment to insure that it is in correct operating condition and that all three sites are operating identically. This is a prime requisite of the evaluation proceedings. These three sites are located in the Washington area, the Contractor's plant, and in the vicinity of [ ] respectively.

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4. [ ] will be responsible for special maintenance of the system."

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It is, of course, not possible for us to assume responsibility for the installation or for the operation of the system unless we have access to the station sites. You certainly appreciate that with a system such as the one being developed on this contract, there are many details of adjustments which can only be made during the preliminary testing following the completion of installation. It is quite impractical for one not thoroughly familiar with the system to make these adjustments during the preliminary systems testing. Most of the development work, closed circuit systems checking, time delay measurements, etc., will be completed here. There are some final steps which cannot, however, be completed until the system is installed. This is unavoidable. Without access to the station sites our position becomes rather embarrassing. It is suggested that possibly this question can be reconsidered with a more favorable result.

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An alternative procedure is suggested in the event it proves impractical to reconsider the question of access to the selected sites. The project as authorized has but one real objective, and that is to determine whether or not the proposed system is feasible. It is believed that the answer to this question can be obtained by locating the stations at any convenient sites. Two stations, namely the control station and one outstation, are each mounted in a trailer. Would it not be possible to select two new sites located with respect to the field station similarly to the present sites but accessible to our personnel? This arrangement should in no way affect the final results. In this case we would, of course, assume full responsibility as stipulated in the contract.

This is an engineering development which includes, while not too involved, a number of design and operational problems. These cannot all be solved until the actual system is installed. For a time immediately following the installation, it will require the full time of the engineers skilled in measurement work to make the final adjustments. It does not seem practical to accomplish this unless we have free access at all three of the stations. It would be appreciated if you would kindly give this matter your prompt attention and advise us as to your decisions.

If the access to the selected sites cannot be granted and the alternative as suggested herein cannot be accepted, we must be released from all responsibility as stipulated in paragraph 2 and paragraph 4 of Phase 2 of the contract.

Sincerely yours,



Project Engineer

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